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Algona High School

Lei Out the Lynx

Jeni Zeller

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Get up and put on your hula skirts, it's Hawaiian time in Bulldog Country. AHS Homecoming will be held September 14th through 18th. The Bulldogs host the Webster City Lynx in this year's homecoming game. There will be many activities going on throughout the week.

The festivities begin on Saturday, September 12th, from 1 to 8:30 and Sunday, the 13th, from 2:30 to 8:30, as the school will be open for hall & float decorating. The halls will be judged early the week of homecoming to see what class is the best. The floats will be displayed at the parade on Friday.

For Monday, students can dress up in their cutest pj's for Pajama Day. There is a home sophomore football game vs. Garner Hayfield at 6:30.

On Tuesday, students will show off their status for Status Day. Students wear red if you are taken, yellow if your relationship status is complicated, and green if you are available. The Cross Country teams run at the Storm Lake Invitational and the volleyball teams play Iowa Falls Alden at home, starting at 6:00.

Students dress up with the generations on

Wednesday. Freshmen dress up as babies, sophomores as elementary kids, juniors as middle-aged crisis people, and seniors dress up as senior citizens. Wednesday night muscle volleyball and powder puff football competitions will be held at AHS. In muscle volleyball, the champs are back as the seniors were the winners last year. Muscle volleyball is held in the AHS gym at 6:30. The powder puff football winners also have another chance at winning. The sophomores won it all last year as freshmen. Powder puff football is held on the AHS football field starting around 8:00. Heidi Behnkendorf and Nicole Person said, "Freshmen will not win powder puff this year. Seniors will dominate."

Thursday is Hawaiian Day and students will dress up in Hawaiian clothes. "I'm excited to see how people dress on Hawaiian Day," said Tori McCurry. The volleyball teams travel to Clear Lake at night.

On Friday, the students dress up in the traditional red and black to support the Bulldogs. Friday is the big day as the football team gets pumped up to

dominate the Lynx. Class competitions and activities will be going on starting at 12:55. Then there is the pep rally and the coronation, starting around 1:45. This year's Homecoming King candidates are David Baxter, Collin Fett, Brandon Keller, Travis Lenz, and Chad Rutledge. Queen candidates include Heidi Behnkendorf, Tayler Cink, JoHanna Degen, Alynna Freeburg, and Jena Fuerstenau. Following the coronation is the homecoming parade downtown featuring the

floats from the classes and organizations, the middle school and high school band, and the elementary and middle school students showing their support.

The Booster Club will be hosting a tailgate supper from 5:00 to 7:00 at the high school. At 7:30, the Algona vs. Webster City game will begin. After the game there will be a homecoming dance in the AHS commons. Students at AHS are excited to Lei Out the Lynx.

SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 12th
1-8:30 Hall & Float Decorating

Sunday, September 13th
2:30-8:30 Hall & Float Decorating

Monday, September 14th
PJ Day

Tuesday, September 15th
Status Day

Wednesday, September 16th
Generation Day
Muscle Volleyball 6:30pm
Powder Puff Football
8:00pm

Thursday, September 17th
Hawaiian Day

Friday, September 18th
Red and Black Day
Class Competition & Activities 12:55pm
Coronation & Pep Rally 1:45pm
Parade 2:45pm
Booster Club Tailgate 5:00-7:00pm
Football vs. Webster City 7:30pm
Homecoming Dance following the game

29th Algona Band Biking

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Day

Derrik Johnson

Algona's Band Day is coming up quickly. On October 3, less than a month away, Algona will be full of bands from all around the state.

Band Day is held once a year and brings in more bands than the State Marching Band Contest. Not only does Band Day bring in a lot of bands, but it also brings in a lot of people who want to watch it. It will usually bring in 15,000 people each year. There will be twenty bands here this year, including a few new ones.

Mr. Aboud said, "We're doing pretty good this year." The Scarlet Regiment Marching Band is doing music from Billy Joel, like, "We Didn't Start The Fire,"

"Piano Man," "Air," and "Only the Good Die Young." One of the big differences this year from last is the number of kids out for band. Last year there were 67 kids out and this year there are 52 out. Senior band member Blake Mills says, "Band Day is a lot of fun and I enjoy it very much!"

This year the street marching competition starts at one and the field competition starts at six. The prices to get in the field competition are three dollars for kids and five dollars for adults.

Then the next Saturday, October 10, is the State Marching Band Contest, which the AHS Scarlet Regiment Marching Band will be attending.

Future Farmers of America

Adam Reimers

The FFA members have had a busy couple months even though it was summer. They went on a couple of trips this summer; one of them was to Yellowstone National Park. There were 16 people who went on this trip. Everyone enjoyed visiting all of the places around Yellowstone, horseback riding, and their favorite was white water rafting. "It was awesome," said Ryann Pearson.

In June, Ean Weber and Karl Nicolaus were involved in the Ag

Mechanics. The kids looked at parts of a row crop planter. They also pushed their minds to the limit with an all around agricultural quiz.

This coming weekend, some of the FFA members will go to the State Meets Evaluation. Karl Nicolaus, Meredith Heinold, and Tyler Laubenthal are involved in this competition. On September 19th, there will be State Dairy Cattle and State Dairy Products that is held in Ames. Karl Nicolaus said, "It should be fun and we should do great."

Minnesota

Hannah Kadow

Some of the juniors and seniors of Algona High School went on a biking adventure in Minnesota this summer. Students packed their things on Friday night, left Saturday morning, and stayed until that following Friday. They got a taste of the camping life by sleeping in tents and making their own food.

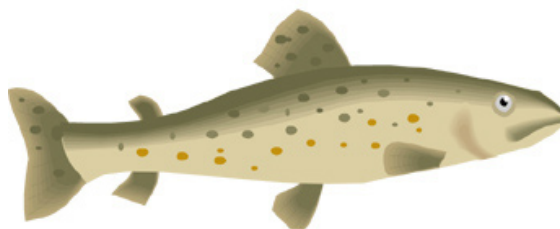
They rode many miles and learned many new things. The longest day for riding was around 45 miles. They rode a total of over 100 miles within 5 or 6 days.

Bill Fjetland and Emily Knudsen took four groups of students on this awesome adventure and each group had around 25 to 30 students. Three groups went in June and one group went in July. They

set up camp three times in three different towns. The students could ride into town and tour the different towns they might have never seen. Three groups got to see a play and one group learned about Amish heritage. The students got to swim in some lakes, play volleyball, eat ice cream, and buy neat shirts from a store in Lanesboro.

Each group got to see the town of Lanesboro. Lanesboro is a town full of history and is a very unique town with old buildings and shops. "I liked the bike trip," said junior AnnaLise Manske.

Students were welcomed back home by their parents. This was a trip they would never forget.



Fishing in Decorah

Ryann Pearson

Do you like to fish in the river? On September 5th of 2009, the AHS Outdoors Club went to Decorah to go trout fishing. They were fishing in a cold water river 20 miles north of Decorah. They left from the high school at 6:30 am, arrived in Decorah at 9:30, ended the trip at 3:00, and arrived home at 6:30.

The Outdoors Club had 19 students go. They had an awesome day; the weather was perfect and they caught a lot of fish. Blake Mills said, "It was awesome!!" The students caught over 60 fish. Some were grilled on the riverside, some of them were taken home, and a lot were put back into the river.

What's happening to the north side of the school?!?!?

Ean Weber

You may have been wondering what all the construction equipment around the school is for.

Larson Construction out of Lake Mills is constructing a new middle school for our public school system. They started the project right after school

ended last year by tearing up the circle drive by the north commons.

The new middle school addition will save money in the long run, as it will be more energy efficient and easier to share faculty and a couple rooms. The project should be done

around late 2010.

"I think all of the construction is annoying," says senior Kaylee Hockett. With all of their equipment, they are taking up all of the north gravel lot and now the freshmen and sophomores have to use the far gravel lot.

But after all of the mess, noise, and loss of parking spaces, Algona will have a nice, air-conditioned middle school and another paved parking lot.

What about those big cookies?

Chelsea Korf

Do you think it's fair that those very delicious cookies in our lunchroom got taken away from the Ala Cart? Allison Kajewski says, "I'm very glad they were taken out because kids are getting fat." While there are many opinions, several students at Algona High School are disappointed due to the loss of their great tasting snacks, even though they are saving their money and keeping themselves healthy.

The Iowa School Junk Food Ban states that

schools are revising the restrictions that are against the junk food served in Iowa schools. The revisions are coming from the Healthy Kids Act. After the Healthy Kids Act, school boards decided in July 2010 that soda won't be allowed to students unless they bring the pop themselves. Elementary schools will not be permitted to sell caffeinated pop. Also, vegetable and fruit juices that are in schools can't have sweeteners in them.

The next thing they decided was that a

meal at lunch can't contain 400 calories. Sugar and fat can't make up more than 35% of the calories in the meal. That's when AHS cookies that were so good were banned, along with soda, nachos with cheese, brownies, French fries, and potato chips.

AHS kitchen's staff noted that some of the changes are because child obesity in America is getting worse every year. Also, schools are not the only place or reason why kids are getting obese, they do get

food outside of school, at home. Schools have to set a good example of appropriate food choices so students can make healthy choices in regards to food at home as well. AHS kitchen staff also mentioned that school foods are also changing due to kids who have diabetes and schools have to help their needs so they don't get sick.

Painting an empty "Space"

Natalie Hackbarth

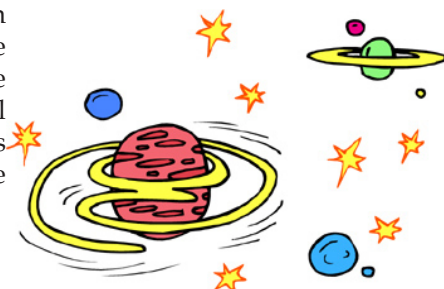
With permission from Mr. Cecil, the advanced studio art students are painting a large mural on the north commons' wall. More creations are added to the mural every day during 1st period. The 16 students in the class suggested the idea of painting the wall. Mr. Yi says, "I like doing group projects with the class, it gets

everyone involved."

At the beginning of the year, students made sketches of possible theme ideas. After a few days, Mr. Yi and the students decided on a space theme. Mr. Yi thought it would be an easy theme for students to paint.

"We'll be done when we're done," says Mr. Yi. There is no deadline on

the mural. The project is a nice way for students to express themselves without worrying about homework or due dates. The mural will be taken down when the new office between the high school and new middle school is built. A special thanks goes out to Colors for donating paint to the students.



Algona Bulldogs Softball 2009, "Make Some Noise"

Ashley Mahurin

The Bulldogs did better this past season than the one before in baseball. Their overall record for the year was 13 – 16. They tied for 6th in the Conference with a Conference record of 9 – 9

The team had twenty players, twelve of which have earned varsity letters before.

Many individuals received recognition for their accomplishments this year. NCC All Conference 1st team player was Brady Collison,

1st team catcher was Ian Barber, 1st team infield was Nyle Larson, and 1st team utility was Ben Tull.

Nyle Larson had the highest batting average with .455, which beat the AHS record for most RBI's. Derrik Johnson, with a batting average of .292, said, "It was a fun season."

Thanks was given to the graduating seniors of 2009 for a great season: Landon Ludwig, Ian Barber, Grant Person, and Ben Tull.



Jessica Kuhlmann

The 2009 softball season started off slow. It wasn't until about halfway through the season when the Algona girls started to "Make Some Noise."

The captains for the 2009 season were Devon Groen and Jessica Kuhlmann, and the team had 8 returning letter winners. "One of the most memorable games for me was against the Iowa Falls-Alden Cadets. It was an intense game, and by the end, we came out with the win, winning by one!" says center fielder Chelsea Korf. Iowa Falls-Alden was tied for 1st in the NCC with St. Edmonds and Webster City, but after the loss against Algona, they were knocked down to 2nd in the Conference.

By the end of the season, their season record was 12-18, and their Conference record was 7-9. They placed 5th in the North Central Conference. The girls ended their season in the first Regional game

against Forrest City, losing 1-8. The team didn't end with a sad note because the team had many accomplishments throughout the season.

Almost every girl on varsity earned a letter, and they had 5 girls who made the All Conference Team. The NCC 1st Team All Conference included Kaitlyn Sewick, Megan Gerhardt, and Mackenzie Siefken. 2nd Team All Conference was Devon Groen, and making 3rd Team All Conference was Chelsea Korf.

The girls also had individual awards. Megan Gerhardt and Mackenzie Siefken received the most valuable award. Amber Hentges received the most improved award, and Jessica Kuhlmann received the teammate award. The team lost two seniors, Devon Groen and Faith Wittmus.

The girls are now lifting and doing pre-season activities to get ready for the 2010 season!

Starting the season off right

Allison Kajewski

Algona High School girls' volleyball season has begun. They ended their season last year with 33 and 3 overall record. This year's team consists of eight seniors and seven juniors. There are more than 40 girls out for volleyball, freshmen through varsity.

The Lady Bulldogs

started off their season in Dallas Center Grimes and went three and one, losing only to Urbandale, a 4A school, in their last match of the day. Natalie Hackbarth said, "I'm glad we got our one loss out of the way early in the season."

Next they competed in the Algona Classic on

Saturday, September 5, and dominated, going six and zero. The six teams they competed against on Saturday were Lake Mills, Hampton Dumont, Laurens Marathon, North Central Kossuth, Belmond-Klemme, and Webster City.

On Thursday, September 10th, the Lady

Bulldogs will travel to Fort Dodge to compete against the Saint Edmund Gales. On the 12th of September, the girls will travel to Spencer, Iowa, for the Spencer Invite. Their first home game is not until September 15, when they host Iowa Falls-Alden.

Running for a first place finish

Audrey Schuttler

The Algona Cross Country team has begun their season. The boys and girls ran at their first meet on Tuesday, August 25, at the Spencer Invitational. They also just recently ran at Webster City on Tuesday, September 8.

At Spencer, the boys won the meet with 35 points. Spirit Lake came in a close second with 36 points. Ryan McMahon got second place at the meet with a time of 16:51. His teammates, who came in close behind him, were Alex Kenne at fifth place with a time of 17:33 and Derek Beaumier got sixth with 17:34. Rounding

out the top ten at the meet was Kyle Walker with a time of 18:05 to receive ninth.

For the girls, senior, Nicole Bosworth, won the race with a time of 16:35. Coach Chad Ahlers said, "Nicole ran a nice race. It was fun to watch and Nicole was very excited." The girls' team finished third with 79 points.

The girls and boys also ran at Webster City on September 1. The boys once again got first with 37 points and Ryan McMahon finished first with a time of 16:35. The boys had two other top ten finishes from Derek Beaumier and Alex Kenne,

finishing fifth and eighth.

The girls got sixth overall at Webster City on September 1. Nicole finished in the top ten with a time of 17:13, good enough for an eighth place finish. Allana Lauck finished in the top twenty at 18th place with a time of 17:38.

The Bulldogs' Cross Country teams just ran on Tuesday, September 8, at Estherville. The boys had an outstanding four top ten finishes in the race. Ryan won the race with a time of 16:59. Derek Beaumier got fourth with 17:49, Kyle Walker got sixth with 17:59, and Alex Kenne got eighth

with 18:14. The boys' team got second with 31 points. Just ahead of them, Spirit Lake, had 29 points. Josh Hollinger finished first in the JV race with a time of 20:16.

In the girls' division, Nicole Bosworth was the only top ten finish. She passed the line at 16:53 for tenth place. Her teammates, Allana Lauck and Stella Arndorfer, finished in the top twenty. The girls' team got third with 81 points, placing behind Spirit Lake and Humboldt.

The next meet for the cross country team is on Tuesday, September 15th, at Storm Lake.

One and one after two

Alynnia Freeburg

The Algona football guys started off their season with a game in Boone on Friday, August 28. They started off strong with Collin Fett kicking a 28 yard field goal and Austin Zadow making an 89 yard touchdown, which brought the score at the end of the first quarter to 10-0. However, Boone scored twice in the second quarter, bringing the score to 13-10 at halftime. The Boone Treadors scored 2 more times in the third quarter while Collin Fett made a touchdown, but in the final quarter, Boone's Brandon McCoy added a safety to make the final score 27-16. It was a hard first loss, but it didn't stop our Bulldogs.

The football team won their first home game with a great battle against the Wildcats of Humboldt last Friday, September 4th.

The Dogs started the game off with Cane Arrowood having a great return from the kickoff. The Bulldog's first series was bogged down with penalty after penalty, but the boys kept fighting and they got in the red zone, finishing off the drive with a missed field goal. Humboldt scored first in the game in the first seconds of the second quarter. The Dogs fought back and finished in front, 14-7, with scores from Michael McMahon and Jeff Burtnett. The Dogs came out good at the beginning of the second half with some great defensive stands. Fett had the only score in the second half along with a Wildcat score. The final score was 21-13. Fett helped hold the Cats to only 13 with a PAT block after their second score. McMahon led the Dogs' defense of attack with 21 tackles and

Fett and Zadow led the offense with 134 and 47 yard respectively. After the game Fett said, "It was nice to get a 'W' this week, but we still have work to do and I know

the guys are up for it this week in practice."

You can see more Bulldog football this Friday night when they take on Clear Lake.

Off and swimming

Megan Simonson

There are six girls from AHS on the swim team: Nicole J. Person, Michaela Christian, Nicole Kenne, Jenni Weaver, Melissa Zadow, and JoHanna Degen.

The girls drive to Emmetsburg every day to practice. There are three schools that compete as one, they are Algona, Emmetsburg, and Estherville. "Our relays are going to dominate!" JoHanna Degen said.

Algona High School swim team began their season Tuesday, September

8th, at Boone. A first place finish went to JoHanna Degen and Jenni Weaver in the 200 free relay. Second place finishes were Melissa Zadow in the 100 breast stroke and Melissa Zadow and JoHanna Degen in the 200 medley relay. Coach Jim Fisher commented, "There were several girls who performed very well at Boone."

Their next meet is Thursday, September 17th, at Emmetsburg, starting at 6:30 pm. Thursday night is also senior night for the girls.

Farming today

Bradie Becker

Being in rural Iowa, farming is a big part of our culture. As it gets closer to harvest time, the farmers are gearing up their tractors and plows. The prices for selling crops are very low right now. The farmers had high input costs, and the low prices are scaring the farmers.

With the costs farmers have put in per acre, just to break even, farmers are going to have to sell the corn at \$4.50/bushel and the beans are going to have to be sold at \$9.32/bushel. The price of corn now is \$2.95 and beans are at \$9.55.

Many people think farmers are just getting rich fast with prices higher than usual, but the fact is that the farmers who don't have their corn and beans sold ahead are going to lose money. The price must come above the break-even price.

Even though the

prices are low, the yields are looking good. Corn's looking at about 230 bushels per acre and the beans are in the low 60s. The average for corn is about 180 and the average for beans is 50 bushels per acre.

As the farmers are getting their equipment ready to go for this harvest season, you need to be more aware of them driving down the road. They have wide equipment and cannot fit properly on the road. This makes the equipment a hazard as they meet traffic. When traveling on blacktops, you should slow down and get over. If you are traveling on a gravel road, get over as far as you can and stop. Always be careful on hills as you cannot see oncoming farm equipment.

Going green

Travis Stone

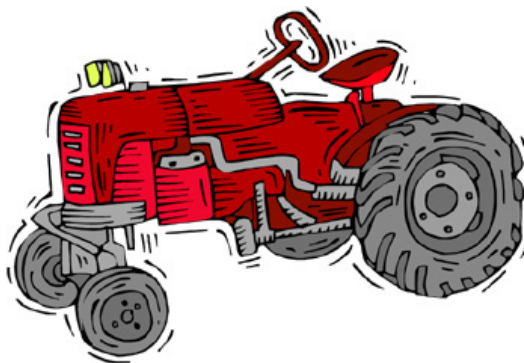
The students and school staff members should think a little bit more about going green. Going green means to save energy. There are many ways to go green at home and at school.

Some ways to go green at school would be turning off all the lights when you are not using them, unplugging all the electronics that are not being used, car-pool, and reuse water bottles, just to name a few.

Some ways you

could save energy at home is to walk instead of drive, which also saves on gas, save any of your electronics like computers or cell phones as long as possible, make sure your walls and ceilings are well insulated, use a washable coffee cup instead of a Styrofoam cup, use reusable batteries and recycle your old batteries, use a push mower instead of a gas or electric mower.

As Mr. Stien says, "Everyone should save as much energy as possible."



Raising money for a good cause

Molly Cook

The Algona Community School Foundation held a golf event and a raffle and auction as a fundraiser on September 1st. The money raised from the fundraiser is used for teachers to provide extras for their students. One way the money is being used this year is Mrs. Mertz is offering a guitar class with instruments purchased through a grant given by the Algona Community School

Foundation.

The event was held at the Algona Country Club on September 1st. The day started out with 21 teams participating in a golf event. This part of the fundraiser brought in \$7,400. The second part of the day was a raffle and auction held from 5-7 p.m. They announced the winners during a ribeye dinner with each dinner selling for \$30.

Some teachers at

Algona High donated to the fundraiser. Mrs. Bormann, being one who donated, said, "The Algona Community School Foundation is great because its organization can fund the school in ways the school can't."

Some items on the silent auction included: a six-month YMCA membership, a wine tasting party, a West Okoboji fishing trip, and a Big Bend National Park Guided Tour. Many

businesses in town donated items for the raffle drawing, such as: a \$25 Premier Pizza certificate, a \$25 Hutzell's certificate, an AmericInn one-night stay, and a \$20 Lyntronix certificate. This year's highest bid was for a vacation on one of the US Virgin Islands, St. Thomas. The total gross income for the entire day was over \$20,000.

Getting even?

Cody Fortune

The movie *Inglourious Basterds* is about a group of American Jews who go into Nazi run Germany to kill Nazis. Brad Pitt stars in the movie as the leader of the Basterds. In the movie, the Nazi's search for Jews at all the German homes, and when they find them, they kill them. Some members of the Basterds are originally from Germany, but were Jewish and escaped to America. They returned to Germany because they hated the Nazis and wanted to kill as many as possible. They discover that Hitler and the rest of the Nazi leaders would all be in the same place, so they try to think of a plan to kill them all.

Inglourious Basterds combines action with comedy. It is about two and a half hours long. This movie is rated R and has

a lot of killing and blood. This movie is far too violent for young children to go to. Natalie Hackbarth says, "My favorite part is when Brad Pitt tries to talk in Italian." This movie was alright and deserves 3 out of 5 stars. This movie is showing at the Algona State Street 3 Theatres now and will be there next week also. It is not a true story, but it does contain some true events.

Back to School BBQ

Kelsie Varvel

On Friday, August 21st, Algona High School had a 'Back to School BBQ' for the students and staff. Before the event, a football scrimmage and a volleyball scrimmage took place. During the BBQ there was a cooking contest, music, and dancing.

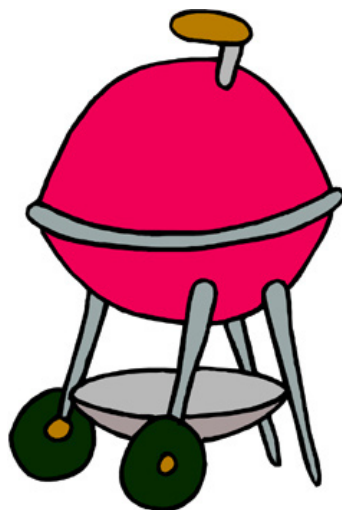
Approximately 100 students/staff showed up. And a lot of them showed off their cooking skills! The goodies were judged by a selected panel of judges.

Winners of the rib division were Molly Cook and Natalie Hackbarth with the Mottalie Ribs. Nicole Person, Whitney Harms, Johanna Degen, and Allison Kajewski aka The Hawaiian Hotties won the chicken division with their Hawaiian chicken kabob. Cody Combs and Mike Gade won the exotic division with their deer sausage. The winners of the event overall, were the Hawaiian Hotties. Each winning group received won bottle of BBQ sauce.

Allison Kajewski said, "Woo hoo! We kicked butt!" Another student who was at the BBQ, Shanda Tweedy, said, "I thought the food was amazing. Dawn's dancing classes came in handy!"

The music was provided by Nick Bitz.

The BBQ was a great way to kick off the year and the weekend! Thank you to everyone who showed up and cooked!



Green Day breaks down the 21st Century

Hanna Harmon

Green Day's highly anticipated new album, *21st Century Breakdown*, dropped on May 15th. Like its predecessor, *American Idiot*, it's a rock opera. It's divided into three "acts:" Heroes & Cons, Charlatans & Saints, and Horseshoes & Hand Grenades.

The album's story revolves around a young couple in the post-Bush era, Christian and Gloria. Christian is

violent, impulsive, and self-destructive ("Christian's Inferno"), while Gloria is still trying to do some good ("Last of the American Girls"). They've lost their faith in religion ("East Jesus Nowhere"), the government ("Know Your Enemy"), and even the time period they live in ("Modern Age"). It's them against the world, and they're not giving up without a fight.

The album mixes

Green Day's usual style with everything from Latin music ("Peacemaker") to soft ballads ("Last Night on Earth"). "Restless Heart Syndrome" reminds one of Paul McCartney...until the song descends into madness with the guitar solo. The band gives a nod to its punk roots like the Clash and the Ramones with "Know Your Enemy," and the title track is their version of "Bohemian Rhapsody" with its medley

of melodies. The album ends on a note of hope with the 18th and final track, "See the Light;" "But it's gone forever/Never too late/When the ever after's/In the hands of fate/I just wanna see the light."

Even if you hate Green Day with a fiery passion, this is an album you'll want to look for.

One is the loneliest Cy-Hawk Series number

Grayson McElroy

Baseball is a game of numbers. It is dominated by the likes of earned-run averages, on-base percentages, and especially multi-million dollar contracts. But for the Pittsburgh Pirates, 82 and 17 are two numbers they would like to avoid.

82 is the number of losses they would like to avoid; they are currently at 81. If they get their 82nd loss, that will give them their record setting 17th consecutive losing season. Their current 16-year losing streak ties them with the Philadelphia Phillies whose losing run stretched from 1933-1948. One more loss and this unwanted record will be all their own.

No other team in the four major North American professional team sports has ever lost for 17 straight seasons. Hockey's Vancouver Canucks (1976-1991) and basketball's Kansas City/Sacramento Kings (1983-1998) share a 15-year losing streak while the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1983-1996) own professional football's longest losing streak at 14 years.

With 27 games remaining in their season, the Pirates' chances of avoiding one more loss and this undesirable milestone just don't seem to be in the numbers.

Football is here!

Triston Dacken

NFL is back this week on Thursday, the 10th, with the opening game of the regular season. The Tennessee Titans played at the defending Super Bowl Champions, the Pittsburgh Steelers' home field. The general pre-game consensus was that the Steelers would come away with the win, which they did, 13 to 10. However, the Titans fought hard for it, putting the game into overtime.

These teams have turned into real rivals after last year's game where Titans' player LenDale White stomped a Steelers "Terrible Towel" into the ground.

Now, the Pittsburgh fans are looking for a little revenge.

This is the 50th anniversary of the AFL, and this season some of the teams are going to be wearing throwback jerseys. Some examples are that the Titans will be playing as the Houston Oilers, the New York Jets will be the Titans of New York, and the New England Patriots will be the Boston Patriots.

Last year's Super Bowl was anything but a slow game, keeping the fans guessing until the very end of who would come away with the Lombardi trophy. The Steelers beat out the

Cody King

Iowa will play Iowa State on Saturday, September 12th, in Ames. This will be the latest edition to the Cy-Hawk rivalry. These two schools have had a rivalry for almost 100 years. The two schools did not play each other for 43 years because tensions ran so high in the 1930s. When the series resumed in 1977, the Hawkeyes and Cyclones picked up right where they left off.

This will be the 33rd game since the series resumed, but it's only the 12th time in that span that the teams enter the game with unbeaten records. The Cyclones opened this season with a 34-17 victory over North Dakota State, while Iowa escaped with a 17-16 win over Northern Iowa. This should add to the

intensity on Saturday.

Iowa has 21 wins while Iowa State has only 11 wins in the Cy-Hawk Series. Iowa also won the last game in the series on September 13th, 2008, with a score of 17-5.

Iowa's coach, Kirk Ferentz, says that the rivalry has actually mellowed down quite a bit. He recalls harsh words and angry feelings, not just between the fans, but between the players and coaches.

Will the Hawkeyes be able to pull off another win? Adam Reimers says, "The Hawkeyes are gonna cream the Cyclones." Or will Iowa State claim the Cy-Hawk trophy? "Go Clones!" says Mackenzie Siefken. You'll have to tune in on Saturday to find out.

Cardinals 27-23 to earn their 6th Super Bowl title. Antonio Holmes, wide receiver for the Steelers, came away with the Super Bowl MVP with 9 catches for 131 yards.

This will be an interesting year, as there are many new coaches this year. Seattle has named Jim Mora as their head coach, replacing Mike Holmgren after his retirement. Josh McDaniels is Denver's new coach, replacing Mike Shanahan. Tony Dungy retired from coaching the Colts, and was replaced by Jim Caldwell, among others.

Brett Favre will return this year, after retiring

from the Jets. There is a twist, however. He signed a two-year, 25 million-dollar deal to play for the Minnesota Vikings, his long-time rivals when he was a Packer. This will be an easier year for him, as he already knows most of the plays that the Vikings run. It will be an interesting year for all to see how he performs.

Well, all there is to do now is wait for the season to begin and hope it will be as exciting as it is reported to be. Let's all hope.